

REMARKS***Response to Arguments***

Applicants acknowledge the examiner's statement that claims 3 and 23, as amended by applicants' October 21 and November 3, 2005 filings, are not allowable since they did not incorporate all of the limitations of claims 41 and 53, respectively, in that the dimensions of the "thin film" are not defined with respect to exact thickness or tolerances. Claims 3 and 23 have been cancelled accordingly.

Applicants note with gratitude the examiner's withdrawal of his objection to claims 4, 39 and 40 as amended by applicants' October 21 and November 3, 2005 filings.

Claims Rejections

Claims 3 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Yang et al (US. Pat. No. 6,130,462). Claims 3 and 23 are cancelled herein, and this rejection is believed to be rendered moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with gratitude the examiner's allowance of claims 4-14, 17-20, 24-34, 37-40, 45-52 and 57-64.

In his letter of January 27, 2006, the examiner states that claims 41-44 and 53-56 are objected to as dependent upon rejected base claims (3 and 23, respectively), "but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim".

The present amendment seeks to cancel claim 3 and amend claim 41 in compliance with the form expressly set forth by the examiner in his letter of January 27, 2006; specifically, claim 41 is dependent directly upon independent method claim 3, and has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 3. No new matter is

introduced, or subject matter is believed to be raised by the present amendment to claim 41, and the entry of this amendment and cancellation of claim 3 is believed expressly allowable under 37 CFR § 1.116(b).

Claims 42-44 are all dependent directly upon amended claim 41 and, therefore, also incorporate all of the limitations of cancelled claim 3. Claims 41-44 are thus now believed to incorporate the subject matter deemed allowable in the examiner's letter of January 27, 2005.

The present amendment also seeks to cancel article claim 23 and amend article claim 53 in compliance with the form expressly set forth by the examiner in his letter of January 27, 2006; specifically, claim 53 is dependent directly upon independent article claim 23, and has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 23. No new matter is introduced, or subject matter is believed to be raised by the present amendment to claim 53, and the entry of this amendment and cancellation of claim 23 is believed expressly allowable under 37 CFR § 1.116(b). Claims 54-56 are all dependent directly upon amended claim 53 and, therefore, also incorporate all of the limitations of canceled claim 23. Claims 53-56 are thus now believed to incorporate the subject matter deemed allowable in the examiner's letter of January 27, 2005

Conclusion

It is believed that with the entry of the present amendment claims 4-14, 17-20, 24-34, and 37-64 are all now in compliance with the requirements of form as provided in the examiner's letter of January 27, 2006 and, therefore, now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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